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Missing 13-year-old Hiker Found in Kings Canyon National Park

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – Missing hiker Austin Shedd, a 13-year-old male from Carlsbad, CA, and Mammoth Lakes, CA, has been found on Monday, July 28, 2014, at 9:30 p.m. by the trail crew in Kings Canyon National Park. Shedd will stay overnight in the wilderness with the trail crew until a rescue flight can take place on Tuesday, July 29. *Additional details will follow when available.*

Background:

- Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Dispatch was notified of the missing hiker at approximately 2:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014.
- Shedd became separated from his hiking party while in the Arrow Peak (elevation 12,959 feet) area of Kings Canyon National Park on Sunday, July 27, 2014.
- Efforts today included 25 National Park Service staff from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks by ground and helicopter, conducting interviews, and planning for the next days' operation.
- Shedd originally departed from Taboose Pass in the Inyo National Forest enroute to Bench Lake and Arrow Peak in Kings Canyon National Park. The hiking party planned to exit via the same route.
- *See flyer for basic information about the missing hiker -*
<http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/upload/MISSING-HIKER-Austin-Shedd-July-28-2014-2.pdf>
- *See map for a general location of the search in Kings Canyon National Park -*
www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/upload/PIO-ArrowPeakInitial_PIO_8x11.pdf
- *A photograph of the missing hiker is available at -*
http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/upload/Austin-Shedd-P1070746_01.jpg

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